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PARAMETRIC DOWN CONVERSION OF A BOSONIC THERMOFIELD VACUUM

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We consider a process of parametric down conversion where the input state is a bosonic thermofield vacuum. This state leads to a parametric down conversion, generating an output of two excited photons. Following a thermofield dynamics scheme, the input state, initially in a bosonic thermofield vacuum, and the output states, initially in vacuum states, evolve under a Liouville-von Neumann equation.

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1. Introduction

Proposed in 1975, by Takahashi and Umezawa¹, thermofield dynamics (TFD) is an operator-algebraic approach to quantum statistical mechanics and a real time formalism to finite temperature quantum field theory^{2,3,4,5,6,7}. The basic ingredients of TFD are the doubling of freedom degrees in the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} which describes the physical system and the building of a finite temperature vacuum, thermofield vacuum, by means of a Bogoliubov transformation realized in the zero temperature vacuum state defined into the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, also called Liouville space⁸. This procedure is made in such a way that the expectation value of any operator from \mathcal{H} in the thermofield vacuum coincides with the statistical mean value.

TFD has been largely applied in the study of finite temperature systems, high energy physics^{9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18}, quantum optics^{19,20,21,22,23,24,25}, condensed matter physics^{26,27}, among others^{28,5,6,7}.

Here we consider a process where the input state is a bosonic thermofield vacuum. This state will be lead to a parametric down conversion interaction generating photon excitations as output states. In general, this process is described by a way where the input state suffering the parametric down conversion is completely annihilated generating as output correlated photons with number operator expectation values equal to 1, where the output states were initially vacuum state.

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Indeed, parametric down conversion is a non-linear process in the light of quantizing electromagnetic field where a single photon incides on a crystal with second order non-linearity generating in the interaction two photons with resulting frequencies equal to the sum of the input frequency. The output frequencies are called generally signal and idler, the frequency of the input photon is called generally pump frequency^{29,30}.

In the process that we will describe, our aim is to obtain as output states one-photon number excitations, considering the distribution of the photon number operator. Following a TFD scheme where the system evolves under a Liouville-von Neumann equation, the input state, initially in a bosonic thermofield vacuum, and the output states, initially in vacuum states, are changed under the parametric down conversion leading the output states one-photon excitations whose characterizations is described by the mean expectation value of their number operators.

In fact, thermofield dynamics have been used for studying parametric amplification¹⁹ and degenerate parametric amplification with dissipation³¹. This last can treat the case where the bosonic thermofield vacuum evolves under dissipation, such that part of the hamiltonian is non-hermitean.

In our propose, a parametric down conversion of a bosonic thermofield vacuum is considered using equilibrium states, such that the Liouville-von Neumann operator can be used in an hermitean form.

2. Thermofield vacuum

Giving an operator \hat{A} acting on a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} generated by Fock states $|n\rangle$, its expectation value in a given ensemble is expressed by

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = Tr(\hat{\rho}\hat{A}), \quad (1)$$

where $\hat{\rho}$ is the density operator in the corresponding ensemble. In thermofield dynamics this expectation value is evaluated by means of the definition of a thermofield vacuum $|0(\beta)\rangle$, where $\beta = 1/T$ is the inverse of temperature T ($k_B = \hbar = 1$), leading to the same result as statistical approach, i.e.,

$$\langle 0(\beta) | \hat{A} | 0(\beta) \rangle = Tr(\hat{\rho}\hat{A}). \quad (2)$$

As a consequence, the thermal vaccuum state $|0(\beta)\rangle$ is associated to the density operator $\hat{\rho}$. For this reason we need to describe it in a Hilbert space larger than the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} generated by the Fock states $|n\rangle$. Then, the thermofield vacuum $|0(\beta)\rangle$ is not a vector state in the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} described by the Fock states $|n\rangle$, but a state in another enlarged Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, where $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is the Hilbert space conjugated to \mathcal{H} . In fact, in order to describe $|0(\beta)\rangle$ as a vector state, we need to double the degrees of freedom of the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} by a formal procedure named tilde conjugation⁷, creating the space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$.

Consider the system described by a thermal equilibrium density matrix

$$\hat{\rho} = e^{-\beta\hat{H}}/Z, \quad (3)$$

where $Z = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta \hat{H}})$ is the partition function and the energy spectrum E_n of the hamiltonian \hat{H} is given by $\hat{H}|n\rangle = E_n|n\rangle$. We construct the thermofield vacuum in the space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, in terms of the Fock state basis $|n\rangle$ and unknown vectors $|c_n\rangle \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, by means of the following expansion

$$|0(\beta)\rangle = \sum_n |c_n\rangle |n\rangle. \quad (4)$$

In order to find the vectors $|c_n\rangle$, we can use the equation (2), where the operator \hat{A} does not act on $|c_n\rangle$ vectors,

$$\langle 0(\beta)|\hat{A}|0(\beta)\rangle = \sum_{m,n} \langle c_m|c_n\rangle \langle m|\hat{A}|n\rangle. \quad (5)$$

On the other hand, we can write

$$\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}\hat{A}) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n} \langle n|\hat{A}|n\rangle. \quad (6)$$

Comparing equations (6) and (5), we find

$$\langle c_m|c_n\rangle = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta(E_m+E_n)} \delta_{mn}. \quad (7)$$

Thus, by defining the Fock states $|\tilde{n}\rangle \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ a basis product can be given to $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ and we can write $|c_n\rangle$ vectors as

$$|c_n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta E_n} |\tilde{n}\rangle. \quad (8)$$

Now, we can write the thermofield vacuum in terms of $|n, \tilde{n}\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$,

$$|0(\beta)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z}} \sum_n e^{-\beta E_n/2} |n, \tilde{n}\rangle. \quad (9)$$

In fact, the term vacuum is only appropriated because we can define annihilation and creation thermofield operators, that commute in the bosonic case and anti-commute in fermionic case,

$$\bar{a}_\beta^\dagger = e^{-i\bar{G}} \hat{a}^\dagger e^{i\bar{G}}, \quad (10)$$

$$\bar{a}_\beta = e^{-i\bar{G}} \hat{a} e^{i\bar{G}}, \quad (11)$$

$$\bar{b}_\beta^\dagger = e^{-i\bar{G}} \tilde{b}^\dagger e^{i\bar{G}}, \quad (12)$$

$$\bar{b}_\beta = e^{-i\bar{G}} \tilde{b} e^{i\bar{G}}. \quad (13)$$

and the thermofield vacuum can be annihilated

$$\bar{a}_\beta |0(\beta)\rangle = \bar{b}_\beta |0(\beta)\rangle = 0, \quad (14)$$

where \bar{G} is an unitary operator mixing $|n\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$ and $|\tilde{n}\rangle \in \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ by acting on the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, as a two-mode squeezing operator,

$$\bar{G} = i\theta(\beta) (\hat{a}^\dagger \tilde{b}^\dagger - \hat{a} \tilde{b}), \quad (15)$$

where $\theta = \theta(\beta)$ is a parameter related to a thermal distribution, \hat{a}^\dagger and \tilde{b}^\dagger are creation operators acting on spaces \mathcal{H} and $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, and \hat{a} and \tilde{b} are annihilation operators acting on spaces \mathcal{H} and $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, respectively. In the case of a bosonic oscillator system, we have $\theta = \tanh^{-1}(e^{-\beta\omega/2})$, related to a Bose-Einstein statistics, and for a fermionic oscillator system we have $\theta = \tan^{-1}(e^{-\beta\omega/2})$, related to a Fermi-Dirac statistics. The term $e^{-i\tilde{G}}$ is a Bogoliubov transformation. Since the Bogoliubov transformation is canonical, the corresponding commutations for bosons or anticommutations for fermions are preserved.

The operators \bar{a}_β^\dagger and \bar{b}_β^\dagger , given by equations (10) and (12), excite the thermofield vacuum generating excited thermofield states.

In the Liouville space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ given by TFD, the zero temperature vacuum state is given by $|0, \tilde{0}\rangle$, associated to a density operator at zero temperature $\hat{\rho}_0 = |0\rangle\langle 0| \in \mathcal{H}$. By applying a Bogoliubov transformation $e^{-i\tilde{G}}$ on this vacuum state $|0, \tilde{0}\rangle$, the thermofield vacuum is generated at a finite temperature $T = \beta^{-1}$,

$$|0(\beta)\rangle = e^{-i\tilde{G}}|0, \tilde{0}\rangle. \quad (16)$$

In TFD, tilde conjugation rules realize a mapping between \hat{A} operators acting on $|n\rangle$ and \tilde{A} acting on $|\tilde{n}\rangle$. These rules are summarized by

$$\widetilde{(\hat{A}\hat{B})} = \tilde{A}\tilde{B}, \quad (17)$$

$$\widetilde{(z\hat{A} + w\hat{B})} = z^*\tilde{A} + w^*\tilde{B}, \quad (18)$$

$$\widetilde{(\hat{A}^\dagger)} = (\tilde{A})^\dagger, \quad (19)$$

$$\widetilde{(\hat{A})} = \pm \hat{A}, \quad (20)$$

$$[\hat{A}, \tilde{B}]_\pm = 0, \quad (21)$$

where the operators \hat{A} and \hat{B} act only in the Hilbert space spanned by $|n\rangle$, and \tilde{A} and \tilde{B} act only in the Hilbert space generated by $|\tilde{n}\rangle$, where z and w are complex numbers, z^* and w^* are their respective complex conjugated. In equation (20), $+$ is for bosons and $-$ is for fermions¹³. In equation (21) $+$ means commutation for bosons and $-$ is anticommutation for fermions.

In the case of a fermionic oscillator, the space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ is generated from the zero temperature vacuum and its excitations,

$$|0, \tilde{0}\rangle = 1|0, \tilde{0}\rangle, \quad (22)$$

$$|1, \tilde{0}\rangle = \hat{a}^\dagger|0, \tilde{0}\rangle, \quad (23)$$

$$|0, \tilde{1}\rangle = \tilde{b}^\dagger|0, \tilde{0}\rangle, \quad (24)$$

$$|1, \tilde{1}\rangle = \hat{a}^\dagger\tilde{b}^\dagger|0, \tilde{0}\rangle. \quad (25)$$

By applying the Bogoliubov transformation $e^{-i\tilde{G}}$ on the vacuum $|0, \tilde{0}\rangle$ we arrive at the following fermionic thermofield vacuum

$$|0(\beta)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{Z}}(|0, \tilde{0}\rangle + e^{\frac{-\beta\omega}{2}}|1, \tilde{1}\rangle). \quad (26)$$

From the normalization condition $|0(\beta)\rangle$, we derive a partition function $Z = 1 + e^{-\beta\omega}$. This state can also be written as

$$|0(\beta)\rangle = \cos \theta |0, \tilde{0}\rangle + \sin \theta |1, \tilde{1}\rangle. \quad (27)$$

where

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(e^{-\frac{\beta\omega}{2}}). \quad (28)$$

The equation (27) asserts that the fermionic thermofield vacuum is in the plane generated by $|0, \tilde{0}\rangle$ and $|1, \tilde{1}\rangle$. In fact, the action of the Bogoliubov transformation on the vacuum excitations (22), (23), (24) and (25) is given by

$$e^{-i\bar{G}} \begin{pmatrix} |1, \tilde{1}\rangle \\ |0, \tilde{0}\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |1, \tilde{1}\rangle \\ |0, \tilde{0}\rangle \end{pmatrix} \quad (29)$$

and It follows that the fermionic thermofield vacuum, eq. (27), is in the plane generated by $|0, \tilde{0}\rangle$ and $|1, \tilde{1}\rangle$ and it corresponds to a rotation of θ , relatively to $|0, \tilde{0}\rangle$. On the other hand, the action of the Bogoliubov transformation on (23) and (24) has no effect, being equivalent to an identity operator in the plane generated by $|1, \tilde{0}\rangle$ and $|0, \tilde{1}\rangle$ (see figure 1). We can use this relation to calculate, for example,

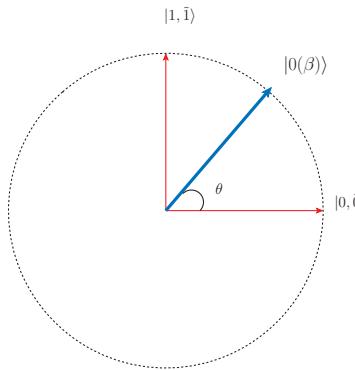


Fig. 1. (Color online) Fermionic thermofield vacuum in the plane generated by $|0, \tilde{0}\rangle$ and $|1, \tilde{1}\rangle$.

the mean value of the number operator

$$\langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle = \langle 0(\beta) | \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} | 0(\beta) \rangle = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta\omega}}, \quad (30)$$

which is the Fermi-Dirac distribution, where we have agreement with the statistical result as given in the equation (2). We can also write⁵

$$\langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle = \sin^2 \theta. \quad (31)$$

Similar calculations could be done to the case of a bosonic oscillator, case where the thermofield vacuum is expressed by

$$|0(\beta)\rangle = \sqrt{1 - e^{-\beta\omega}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{n}{2}\beta\omega} |n, \tilde{n}\rangle. \quad (32)$$

In this case, the state is generated in the subspace generated by the states $|0, \tilde{0}\rangle, |1, \tilde{1}\rangle, \dots, |n, \tilde{n}\rangle, \dots \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$, such that a representation of the bosonic thermofield vacuum in this subspace is not simple (see figure 2). In this case, the state

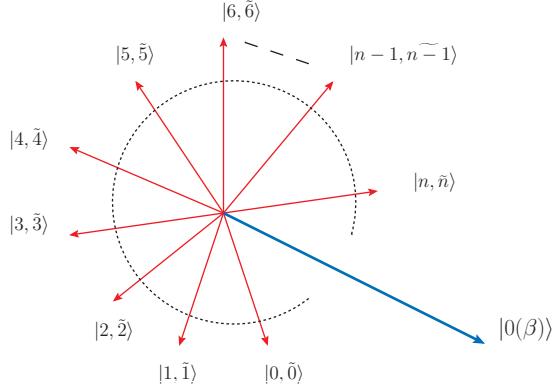


Fig. 2. (Color online) Bosonic thermofield vacuum in the subspace generated by $|0, \tilde{0}\rangle, |1, \tilde{1}\rangle, \dots, |n, \tilde{n}\rangle, \dots \in \mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$.

can be described in terms of hiperbolic functions

$$|0(\beta)\rangle = (\cosh^{-1} \vartheta) \sum_n (\tanh \vartheta)^n |n, \tilde{n}\rangle, \quad (33)$$

where

$$\vartheta = \tanh^{-1}(e^{-\beta\omega/2}). \quad (34)$$

As said previously, in terms of a Bogolioubov transformation, we can write $|0(\beta)\rangle = e^{-i\tilde{G}}|0, \tilde{0}\rangle$, where we exchange θ by ϑ . In this case, mean value of the number operator

$$\langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle = \langle 0(\beta) | \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} | 0(\beta) \rangle = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\omega} - 1}, \quad (35)$$

which is the Bose-Einstein distribution. We can also write

$$\langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle = \sinh^2 \vartheta. \quad (36)$$

3. Parametric down conversion

We consider a parametric down conversion described by the following hamiltonian ($\hbar = 1$)²⁹

$$\hat{H} = \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} + \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c} + \kappa \left(\hat{a} \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{c}^\dagger + \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{b} \hat{c} \right). \quad (37)$$

In terms of a TFD approach^{5,6,7}, a tilde hamiltonian is also constructed

$$\tilde{H} = \tilde{a}^\dagger \tilde{a} + \tilde{b}^\dagger \tilde{b} + \tilde{c}^\dagger \tilde{c} + \kappa \left(\tilde{a} \tilde{b}^\dagger \tilde{c}^\dagger + \tilde{a}^\dagger \tilde{b} \tilde{c} \right). \quad (38)$$

The system evolves according an unitary evolution of the Liouville operator $\bar{L} = \hat{H} - \tilde{H}$, given here by

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{L} = & \omega_0 \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} - \omega_0 \tilde{a}^\dagger \tilde{a} + \omega_1 \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b} - \omega_1 \tilde{b}^\dagger \tilde{b} \\ & + \omega_2 \hat{c}^\dagger \hat{c} - \omega_2 \tilde{c}^\dagger \tilde{c} \\ & + \kappa (\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{c} - \tilde{a}^\dagger \tilde{b}^\dagger \tilde{c} + \hat{a} \hat{b} \hat{c}^\dagger - \tilde{a} \tilde{b} \tilde{c}^\dagger)\end{aligned}\quad (39)$$

Consider the initial state

$$|\psi_\beta(0)\rangle = |0(\beta)\rangle_a |\mathbf{0}\rangle_b |\mathbf{0}\rangle_c \quad (40)$$

where the input state is in the bosonic thermofield vacuum

$$|0(\beta)\rangle_a = \sqrt{1 - e^{-\beta\omega_0}} \sum_n e^{-\frac{n}{2}\beta\omega_0} |n, \tilde{n}\rangle_a \quad (41)$$

and the output states are both initially into the vacuum $|\mathbf{0}\rangle_b$ and $|\mathbf{0}\rangle_c$ (see figure 3), where

$$|\mathbf{0}\rangle_b = |0, \tilde{0}\rangle_b \quad (42)$$

$$|\mathbf{0}\rangle_c = |0, \tilde{0}\rangle_c. \quad (43)$$

By defining

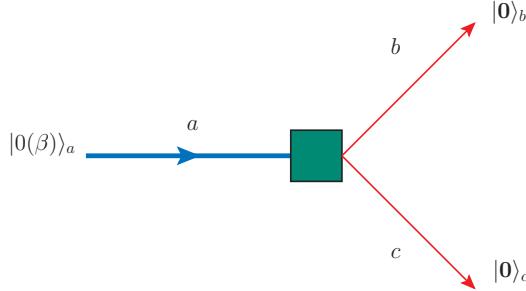


Fig. 3. (Color online) Scheme of the parametric down-conversion of the bosonic thermofield vacuum.

$$\lambda_n = e^{-\frac{n}{2}\beta\omega_0} \sqrt{1 - e^{-\beta\omega_0}} \quad (44)$$

we can write

$$|\psi_\beta(0)\rangle = \sum_n \lambda_n |n, \tilde{n}\rangle_a |0, \tilde{0}\rangle_b |0, \tilde{0}\rangle_c \quad (45)$$

The system evolves according to a Liouville-von Neumann equation

$$(\bar{L} - i\partial_t) |\psi_\beta(t)\rangle = 0, \quad (46)$$

whose the formal solution is given by

$$|\psi_\beta(t)\rangle = e^{-i\bar{L}t} |\psi_\beta(0)\rangle. \quad (47)$$

We can also write the Liouville operator as

$$\bar{L} = \sum_{i=0}^2 \omega_i (\hat{n}_i - \tilde{n}_i) + \kappa \left(\hat{a}\hat{b}^\dagger\hat{c}^\dagger - \tilde{a}\tilde{b}^\dagger\tilde{c}^\dagger + \mathbf{h.c.} \right) \quad (48)$$

where the mode frequencies ω_0 , ω_1 and ω_2 satisfy

$$\omega_0 = \omega_1 + \omega_2. \quad (49)$$

Under a Liouvillean evolution during a time t and a small coupling term λ , the initial state

$$|\psi(0)\rangle = |0(\beta)\rangle_0 |\mathbf{0}\rangle_1 |\mathbf{0}\rangle_2$$

evolves until $\lambda t = 1$ leading to the following state

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_\beta\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\sum_n n\lambda_n^2}} \left(-i \sum_n \lambda_n \sqrt{n} |n-1, \tilde{n}\rangle_a |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_b |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_c \right. \\ &\quad \left. + i \sum_n \lambda_n \sqrt{n} |n, \tilde{n}-1\rangle_a |0, \tilde{1}\rangle_b |0, \tilde{1}\rangle_c \right). \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

Initially the thermofield vacuum has a Bose-Einstein distribution given by the mean value of the number state $N_0 = \hat{a}^\dagger\hat{a}$, while the expectation value in the other number states $N_1 = \hat{b}^\dagger\hat{b}$ and $N_2 = \hat{c}^\dagger\hat{c}$ is zero,

$$\langle \hat{N}_0 \rangle_0 = \frac{1}{e^{\beta\omega_0} - 1} = \sum_n n\lambda_n^2, \quad (51)$$

$$\langle \hat{N}_1 \rangle_0 = 0, \quad (52)$$

$$\langle \hat{N}_2 \rangle_0 = 0. \quad (53)$$

We turn on the interaction time t until the coupling term λ and the time satisfy the relation $\lambda t = 1$. In this situation, the new expected values of photon numbers are given by

$$\langle \hat{N}_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{2\langle \hat{N}_0 \rangle_0} \sum_n (2\lambda_n^2 n^2 - n\lambda_n^2), \quad (54)$$

$$\langle \hat{N}_1 \rangle = 1, \quad (55)$$

$$\langle \hat{N}_2 \rangle = 1. \quad (56)$$

Then, before the parametric down conversion of the thermofield bosonic vacuum, the mean photon number is increased in each sector measured where there was the states $|\mathbf{0}\rangle_b$ and $|\mathbf{0}\rangle_c$, corresponding to one photon in each side. On the other hand, the system as a whole is in an entangled state.

The residual distribution on the side a , where there was initially a bosonic thermofield vacuum $|0(\beta)\rangle$ can be rewritten in a more simplified form

$$\langle \hat{N}_0 \rangle = \langle \hat{N}_0 \rangle_0 - \sum_{n \neq m} nm \frac{\lambda_n \lambda_m}{\langle \hat{N}_0 \rangle_0} - \frac{1}{2}. \quad (57)$$

This shows that the thermofield bosonic vacuum lost in photon number in order to create excitations of 1-photon states in the sides b and c .

As an example, if we consider $\langle N_0 \rangle_0 = 2$. This corresponds to $T = \omega_0 (\ln(2))^{-1}$ or $\beta = \ln(2)/\omega_0$. It follows that the coefficients ρ_n are given by $\rho_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{n}{2} \ln(2)}$, and the final distribution in this case will be given by

$$\langle \hat{N}_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\sum_n n^2 e^{-n \ln(2)} \right) - 1 \right]. \quad (58)$$

Considering the bosonic thermofield vacuum until 2-photon excitations terms, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} |0(\beta)\rangle_a &= \frac{\sqrt{1 - e^{-\beta\omega_0}}}{\sqrt{1 - e^{-3\beta\omega_0}}} (|0, \tilde{0}\rangle_a + e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta\omega_0} |1, \tilde{1}\rangle_a \\ &\quad + e^{-\beta\omega_0} |2, \tilde{2}\rangle_a) \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

and the state is now written as

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_\beta(t)\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\lambda_1^2 + 4\lambda_2^2}} (-i\lambda_1 |0, \tilde{1}\rangle_a |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_b |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_c \\ &\quad - i\lambda_2 \sqrt{2} |1, \tilde{2}\rangle_a |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_b |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_c \\ &\quad + i [\lambda_1 |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_a + \lambda_2 \sqrt{2} |2, \tilde{1}\rangle_a] |0, \tilde{1}\rangle_b |0, \tilde{1}\rangle_c) \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

If we project the side a in the state $|0, \tilde{0}\rangle_a$, we have

$${}_a\langle 0, \tilde{0} | \psi_\beta(t) \rangle = 0. \quad (61)$$

This implies that this state has no parts in the vacuum and then cannot be projected into it. The states have evolved such that the projection into the one-photon excitations will lead

$${}_a\langle 0, \tilde{1} | \psi_\beta(t) \rangle = \frac{-i\lambda_1}{\sqrt{2\lambda_1^2 + 4\lambda_2^2}} |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_b |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_c \quad (62)$$

$${}_a\langle 1, \tilde{0} | \psi_\beta(t) \rangle = \frac{i\lambda_1}{\sqrt{2\lambda_1^2 + 4\lambda_2^2}} |0, \tilde{1}\rangle_b |0, \tilde{1}\rangle_c \quad (63)$$

$${}_a\langle 2, \tilde{1} | \psi_\beta(t) \rangle = \frac{i\lambda_2 \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2\lambda_1^2 + 4\lambda_2^2}} |0, \tilde{1}\rangle_b |0, \tilde{1}\rangle_c \quad (64)$$

$${}_a\langle 1, \tilde{2} | \psi_\beta(t) \rangle = \frac{-i\lambda_2 \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2\lambda_1^2 + 4\lambda_2^2}} |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_b |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_c \quad (65)$$

These projections mean that all the possible measured values in a will lead to states of one-photon excited states in b and c , and these states are completely separable

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in the space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$. This result is better to explain the previous one (50). In fact, the projections

$${}_a\langle n-1, \tilde{n} | \psi_\beta \rangle = \frac{-i\lambda_n \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{2 \sum_n n \lambda_n^2}} |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_b |1, \tilde{0}\rangle_c \quad (66)$$

and

$${}_a\langle n, \widetilde{n-1} | \psi_\beta \rangle = \frac{i\lambda_n \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{2 \sum_n n \lambda_n^2}} |0, \tilde{1}\rangle_b |0, \tilde{1}\rangle_c \quad (67)$$

Consequently, in the approximation considered the parametric down conversion of thermofield vacuum will lead to only excitations of one-photon states. Once specified the state of a Fock state $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ in a , the states in b and c are specified as excitations of one photon states in $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ and are not entangled in the space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$. It follows that a set of measurements of the residual state in the Fock basis of $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ will determine clearly the excitations of one-photon distributions in the sides a and b .

4. Conclusion

We have considered a parametric down conversion where the input state is given by a thermofield bosonic vacuum state on a side a , related to a Bose-Einstein distribution. Turning on the interaction until time of interaction and the coupling constant satisfy $\lambda t = 1$ and taking into account a small coupling term λ , we arrive at the result where the output states on sides b and c , initially on vacuum states, are excited in one-photon states, leading to number operator expectation values of one photon number in each side, b and c .

On the other hand, the thermofield bosonic vacuum state is not totally annihilated in the process, resulting in a residual state whose profile of the number operator expectation value is different from a Bose-Einstein distribution, due to losing of photons in the interaction.

We shown that a specific measurements on the Fock state of the space $\mathcal{H} \otimes \tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ will lead to a specification of one-photon states distributions in the sides b and c .

Such ideas can also be of relevance on the experimental side ³², where thermofield or thermal like states are involved.

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